

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

DATE: June 30, 2009

TO: Kelly Broughton, Development Services Department Director

FROM: Eduardo Luna, City Auditor

SUBJECT: Hotline Investigation of a Development Services Department Employee

The Office of the City Auditor conducted an investigation of a Development Services Department (DSD) employee in response to a call made to the City's Fraud Hotline. The complaint alleged that the DSD employee took some merchandise without permission from a place of business during the course of an official City inspection.

Our investigation concluded the allegations are substantiated. We found the DSD employee took merchandise without permission from a job site during the course of conducting City business.

The employee admitted taking the merchandise but claims it was offered to him. In addition, the employee admitted to asking for and taking other items from job sites in the past including wood and duct tape.

We recommend the Development Services Department take appropriate disciplinary action based on the information provided.

We appreciate the assistance we received from the Development Services Department during our investigation. The Department indicated they are taking the appropriate disciplinary action. Thank you for taking action on this issue. Please contact me with any questions.



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Eduardo Luna

City Auditor

cc: Honorable Mayor Jerry Sanders

Honorable City Council Members Honorable Audit Committee Members Jay M. Goldstone, Chief Operating Officer

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